

Response and Amendment under 37 CFR § 1.111
Application No. 09/899,026

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, line 2 (which was also previously amended in the Response and Amendment filed September 8, 2003) as follows:

Related Applications

The present application is a continuation of Application No. 09/572,330 filed May 18, 2000, issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,277,405, which is a continuation of Application No. 09/005,128 filed January 9, 1998, issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,074,670, which claims priority to French Application No. 97 00479 filed January 17, 1997. This application is also related to U.S. Patent Nos. 6,652,881, 6,596,317 and 6,589,552.